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A CO-OPERATIVE PROJECT

UNDERTAKEN BY THE SOCIETY:

A New Bibliography of Canadian Bibliographies

In his inaugural address as President of the Bibliographical Society of Canada, Dr. Tanghe proposed the compilation and publication by the Society of an up-to-date version of the excellent Bibliography of Canadian Bibliographies compiled by the 1929 and 1930 classes in bibliography of the McGill University Library School, under the direction of Marion V. Higgins. In the August 1958 Bulletin of the National Library of Canada (pp. 3-4), Dr. Tanghe reported on the progress of this project:

> "Miss Vernon Ross, Director of the McGill University Library School, has kindly granted permission to use the title of and the information contained in this pamphlet. Miss Ross adds that copies of the pamphlet are still available on request.
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> "The project sponsored by The Bibliographical Society of Canada may thus be furthered. It was suggested that a Working Committee be set up, including members from the ten provinces, and suggestions are solicited as to names of persons who might join the enterprise. It was also found convenient that the information should be collected at the National Library where greater facilities for checking and editing exist.
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> "As a basis for preliminary discussion, the following outline is submitted: the B.C.B. will include:
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> (a) bibliographies exclusively Canadian in subject (person, event, place, etc.);
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> (b) separately published bibliographies (book, pamphlet, or periodical article);
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> (c) current bibliographies or lists serially published;
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> (d) unpublished lists available for inter-library loans;
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> (e) lists in preparation.
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> "The first two categories should, however, be wide enough to allow inclusion of substantial and valuable bibliographies on subjects common to the United States and Canada, or those forming part of books, encyclopaedias, or appended to an article. For instance, in the McGill list "Cambridge History of the British Empire, vol. 6, devoted to Canada" is an entry to be retained, but would it not be

misleading to include items containing only fragmentary bibliographies or short lists of sources consulted, under the pretence they list Canadian material. The following is an example of what it is proposed to omit: "Catalogue of the Hopkins Railway Library, by Frederick J. Teggart, Palo Alto, 1896," in which, out of 9245 titles noted, less than 100 have a Canadian interest.

"Many points have to be discussed; for instance, should B.C.B. list indexes? Union lists? Dealers' and publishers' "catalogues? Directories? Who's whos? They all contain important information, but are they bibliographies? What about the Queen's Printer's and departmental catalogues of publications?

"Expressions of opinion and suggestions will be gladly received, and correspondence may be addressed to National Library, c/o B.C.B. Committee.

R.T."

MINUTES OF THE 1958 ANNUAL MEETING IN QUEBEC CITY

The Annual Meeting of the Bibliographical Society of Canada was held on Wednesday, June 18th, at 11 a.m. in the Committee Room, Second Floor, of the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec City. The programme section of the meeting was open to members of the Canadian Library Association but, unfortunately, the Third General Session of the CLA did not end until 12:20 p.m. instead of at the scheduled time of 10:45 a.m., so that attendance at our meeting suffered. There were about forty-eight persons present.

The first Vice-President, Dr. Raymond Tanghe, presided and welcomed members of the Bibliographical Society and of the Canadian Library Association. A telegram from the President, Miss Florence B. Murray, was read in which she sent greetings and regretted her inability to be at the meeting. Dr. Tanghe explained that Miss Murray was lecturing at the University of Michigan Summer School and asked the Secretary to extend to her our best wishes for a successful session. Miss Vernon Ross, second Vice-President, read and moved the adoption of the President's Report. It was seconded by Dr. Lomer and carried.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, 1957-58

Membership in the Bibliographical Society of Canada remained approximately the same in 1957-58 as in the preceding year. Details will appear in the report of the Secretary-Treasurer.

Since the last meeting, members have received one issue of the Newsletter and one facsimile publication. The publication, Kensington Gardens in 1830, by Major John Richardson, was first printed in London, England, in 1830, and copies are now extremely rare. The Society is indebted to Dr. Carl F. Klinck who not only edited the facsimile, but attended to its reproduction.

One issue of the Newsletter was prepared by the editor, Mr. George Boyle. It carried minutes of the last annual meeting, notes of recent bibliographical work, and a summary, with excerpts, from Dr. R.E. Watters' address "On Compiling a Check-list of Canadian Literature".

Two meetings of the Council were held in Toronto during the year. At both of these some time was given to a consideration of the type of publication on which the Society could best spend its very limited resources. It was generally agreed that as well as our special publications there is need for a periodical such as the Newsletter which would carry extensive news of bibliographical work, completed or in progress, relating to Canada. The success of a Newsletter depends directly on the co-operation of our members in collecting and forwarding to the editor items of bibliographical interest.

In concluding the term in which I have been honoured to serve as your President, I wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks the support which I have received from the Executive and Council, and especially to thank Mrs. Jacobsen, the Secretary-Treasurer, who has given time and energy unstintingly to the work. In a Society with widely scattered membership and executive, the burden of work necessarily falls heavily on the Secretary.

I also wish especially to thank Mr. George Boyle, Editor of the Newsletter. It is with regret that the Council has received advance notice of his resignation due to new responsibilities at Victoria University, Toronto.

It has become a custom, a very sincere custom, to thank our Honorary President, Dr. Lorne Pierce, for his contribution to the Society during the year. His encouragement and practical assistance, his familiarity with the publishing world and his knowledge of bibliographical developments in Canada have been of vital importance to the Society.

Lastly I should like to thank all our members who have supported the Society by their fees, had patience while the Council tried to chart the future, and sent in suggestions and items of interest, which have contributed to the success of the Society's work.

Florence B. Murray
President.

It was moved by Miss Martha Shepard and seconded by Father Morisset that the minutes of the last Annual Meeting be taken as printed in the Spring 1958 Newsletter. Carried.

The Secretary-Treasurer read the Treasurer's Report, announcing a balance in the bank and cash on hand of $323.69, and moved its adoption. It was seconded by Miss Mary Jane Henderson, and carried.

The report of the Publications Committee was read and its adoption moved by its Chairman, Mr. David Foley. Mr. Claude Aubry seconded this motion, and it was carried.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The terms of reference of this Committee are to make recommendations for a long-range publication programme, and to make suggestions for the general publishing policy of the Society. No great progress can be reported on the first of its objectives, but during the past two years it has attained the more limited objective of spending the Society's money, which gives it at least a little breathing space for the future.

To the Reprint Series and the Facsimile Series, which have received the chief emphasis of the Society to date, one addition has been made, namely John Richardson's Kensington Gardens in 1830, which the members received last year. An attempt has been made to begin a card file of possible candidates for these series; the problem is to make a choice of those items which would be of greatest interest and use. It is suggested that perhaps selected lists could be circulated in the Newsletter, and members be asked to comment. Assistance in this respect may be forthcoming from a committee of the Canadian Library Association, which has proposed to ask the Bibliographical Society to consider reprinting some out-of-print Canadiana titles.

In its 1956 Report the Committee suggested that greater emphasis might be placed upon more purely bibliographical works, and recommended the establishment of a Bibliographical Series. Several good suggestions have been made, but the Committee regrets that as yet no item has been selected to begin the Series. Consideration might be given to selections from the unpublished "Bio-bibliographies d'Ecrivains Canadiens-Francais..1937-1947," recommended by Mlle. Chabot.

One of the obvious aims of the Society is to report the papers presented at its meetings. Mr. Gundy's paper on Early Printers and Printing in the Canadas was published in 1957, and its popularity is indicated by the fact that it is still enjoying a good sale. In fact, according to our Secretary-Treasurer, the Society may have to consider including in its reprint activities a reprint of one of its own recent publications. Professor Watters' lively paper on his Checklist of Canadian Literature was reported in the Newsletter. It is recommended, of course, that this activity, which expends a considerable portion of the Society's limited funds, be continued.

In its 1956 Report also the Committee suggested that the Society might participate in joint publications, in cooperation with other agencies. During the past year some consideration was given to a project for sharing in the sponsorship of Arthur Bourinot's Mermaid Inn Series, a selection from the column conducted by Lampman, D.C. Scott and W.W. Campbell in the Weekly Globe, but unfortunately it proved to be too costly for the Society. It is recommended, however, that the Society continue to seek for opportunities of this sort, possibly in conjunction with the National Library, which is beginning to make important contributions to Canadian bibliography.

Finally, it may be pointed out that the Society has a publication of considerable interest to its members in the Newsletter. The suggestion has been received that the Society should strengthen and expand the Newsletter into a more regular serial which could contain papers in Canadian bibliography and serve as a means of communication among scholars and a clearing-house for information on work in progress. This suggestion the Committee endorses, and recommends for immediate consideration.

Such a proposal might well mean that most or all of the members' dues would go into the Newsletter. The continuation of other occasional publications would then require a more ambitious programme than the Society has yet been able to undertake. Possibly occasional publications might be sold individually, but it is doubtful if they could be self-supporting on such a basis.

It may be remarked here that this Society has achieved miracles on a very short shoestring, largely through devoted private efforts. The work of the Society, however, suffers from severe limitation due to lack of funds. Bibliographical work is notoriously expensive, and as a result the Society has often been excluded from participation in the most important projects undertaken in Canada.

It is recommended therefore that the Executive consider suitable means for improving the Society's financial resources, possibly through the undertaking of projects approved by the Canada Council.

Respectfully submitted,
D.W. Foley, Chairman.

Mr. Aubry suggested that, when the Society published something important, we should ask the Canadian Library Association if it would make the sales distribution or advertise it, in order to increase our sales. He thought too that we might find out what other organizations would like to have printed. It was moved by Mr. Aubry and seconded by Mr. Robert Rogers that the Publications Committee be empowered to appoint a Liaison Committee to look after outside contacts. Carried.

Mr. Gerard Malchelosse then took the chair while Miss Sheila Egoff read the report of the Nominating Committee and moved its adoption. It was seconded by Mr. Sylvestre, and carried, there being no further nominations:

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Council

Mr. John H. Archer - to 1960
Dr. David M. Hayne - to 1960
Mr. R.D. Hilton Smith - to 1959
Mr. Robert Rogers - to 1959
Mr. David W. Foley, Chairman
Pub'ns. Committee.

Submitted by Samuel Rothstein, Eleanor Shaw and Sheila A. Egoff, Chairman.

Dr. Tanghe, the new President, then resumed the chair and addressed the meeting in his new capacity.

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT, DR. RAYMOND TANGHE

Before coming to this meeting, I went over the file of the Council meetings reports and of the Newsletter. It was stimulating! At the risk of repeating Miss Murray's words, I wish to pay a tribute to my predecessors and particularly to our Honorary President. It is customary to think of an Honorary President as a person who once and for all has given his blessing to a group and who is watching from the distance. Such is not the case with Dr. Pierce, who is in fact a very active and efficient Honorary President, and the Society owes him a great deal. I should also mention with gratitude the invaluable contribution made by our Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Jacobsen, and by Rev. George Boyle, Editor of the Newsletter. You heard with regret of the latter's resignation. It is my privilege to announce the appointment in his place of Dr. David M. Hayne, Associate Professor of French and Registrar of University College, under whose editorship the Newsletter will continue to serve as a clearing-house for views and information about members, their promotions, their projects, their discoveries, and about what is going on in bibliography. A "clearing-house", to use a badly overworked cliche, means an exchange of ideas and of opinions. The Newsletter should not be the production of one person or of a small group of persons: it should reflect the interests of the membership at large; it will be lively insofar as the members put life into it, and I hope the response will be such that the Newsletter will appear more frequently.

You have heard the report of the Publications Committee. Of the three types of publications undertaken by the Society; facsimiles, reprints of rare and out-of-print items, and monographs, I think we should keep the last one to publish special contributions by our members. The other two are debatable. Personally, I think the reprinting of an item should be decided on its utility rather than its rarity (which actually vanishes with the reprinting).

On the other hand, the listing and even the publication of bibliographies are definitely within our field. We might sponsor the publication of short and accurate bibliographies dealing with a single author or with a specific subject, or covering a brief period. It was suggested some time ago that we publish bio-bibliographies submitted as term papers in Library Science. The fact that they have been accepted by a university warrants their quality. Furthermore, they

may very well be the only existing lists and in most cases available in a very limited number of copies. It is now possible to reprint them by xerography at a cost of 3 or 4 cents a page, regardless of the number of copies to be printed; this process is ideal for small editions and it may be worth experimenting with on a selective basis.

A major project I would like to see the Society undertake is a Bibliography of Canadian Bibliographies. In 1930, under this same title, a list was "compiled by the 1929 and 1930 classes in bibliography of the McGill University Library School, under the direction of Marion V. Higgins." This list needs to be revised, completed, and brought up to date. Fortunately, most of the new bibliographies separately published since 1930 have been listed in the Canadian Catalogue and in Canadiana; it should be relatively simple to prepare a cumulation. The difficulty is to collect information about unpublished or not-separately published bibliographies, some of which are very important. With this in view, all members of the Bibliographical Society are requested to contribute by sending bibliographical information on a certain number of such items in their own province or within their particular field of interest, regardless of the nationality of the compiler or the place of publication, as long as the subject is Canadian. The number of pages should not be the only guide; the importance of the subject and the lack of other sources should be taken into consideration by each contributor when submitting entries to the Co-ordinating Committee. There should be a section reserved for works in preparation and for series of dealers' catalogues. (May I mention en passant the improved accuracy of these catalogues. More and more they become bibliographical tools and contribute in no small way to the knowledge of Canadian material.) Yearly supplements and cumulations would make it a continuing project.

Are you willing to accept this assignment?

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It was then moved by Dr. Pierce and seconded by Dr. Lamb that the Society approve in principle Dr. Tanghe's suggestion that a bibliography of Canadian bibliographies be prepared, and that Dr. Tanghe be authorized to appoint a committee to investigate this matter and to formulate plans for the compilation of the bibliography, these plans to be outlined in the Society's Newsletter for the information of members. Carried.

At the suggestion of Dr. Tanghe, it was moved by Mr. Rogers and seconded by Dr. Lomer that the meeting express its thanks to the Canadian Library Association for the hospitality given the Society and for the privilege of using the services and quarters of the Association.

Dr. Tanghe then introduced Mgr Olivier Maurault, who addressed the meeting on "Les sources bibliographiques de l'histoire canadienne sous le régime français." It is hoped that this important bibliographical study may be printed later and distributed to our members. Dr. Lorne Pierce expressed the gratitude of the Society to our distinguished speaker, Mgr Maurault.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

(Mrs. R.C. Jacobsen,
Secretary-Treasurer)

BIO-BIBLIOGRAPHIES OF FRENCH-CANADIAN AUTHORS

The Ecole de Bibliothécaires de l'Université de Montréal has recently made available a ten-reel microfilm reproducing some 250 bibliographical theses submitted to the Ecole de Bibliothécaires by its students in Library Science over the past twenty years. Varying in length from ten to over two hundred pages, these bibliographies are understandably of uneven quality, but taken together they represent the largest body of orderly bibliographical material on French Canadian writers we now possess. The technical quality of the microfilming leaves something to be desired, and the alphabetical order of authors is somewhat haphazard, but the collection contains ample valuable information to compensate for these small imperfections. The complete microfilm costs $300.00. Almost all the theses reproduced will be found listed by author subject in GERARD TOUGAS, A Check List of Printed Materials relating to French-Canadian Literature, Vancouver, The University of British Columbia, 1958.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA

REPRINT SERIES ($.50 each)

No. 1. Thoughts on the Education of Youth, by Richard Cockrel. Neward, Tiffany, 1795. 1949.

No. 2. Representations par le Corps de Grands Jurés (Québec, 1764). Québec, Brown (et) Gilmore, 1765. 1949.

No. 3. Sawney's Letters, by James Anderson. Barkerville, on Williams Creed, B.C., Cariboo Sentinel, 1868. 1950.

No. 4. The Manuscript Book of Oliver Goldsmith. England, 1825, and Canadian Review and Magazine at Montreal, 1826. 1950.

FACSIMILE SERIES ($1.00 each)

No. 1. Aux Citoyens et Habitants des Villes et des Campagnes de la Province de Quebec. Quebec, Brown, 1875. 1951.

No. 2. The Union of Taste and Science, by Stephen Dickson. Quebec, Neilson, 1799. 1952.

No. 3. The Red River Expedition, by J.C. Major. Winnipeg, Laurie, 1870. 1953.

No. 4. Cree Syllabic Hymn Book, by James Evans. Norway House, 1841. 1954.

No. 5. The British American Almanack for the Year 1792. Saint John, Sower and Ryan, 1791. 1953.

No. 6. Kensington Gardens in 1830, (by Major John Richardson). London, Marsh and Miller, 1830. Edited, and with an Introduction by Carl F. Klinck, 1957.

MONOGRAPHS ($1.50)

No. 1. Early Printers and Printing in the Canadas, by H. Pearson Gundy. Toronto, 1957.

DECEMBER 1958 NEWSLETTER

The next issue of the Newsletter will appear early in December, 1958. If you have any bibliographical items or any general information likely to interest our members, please send them to the Editor before November 15, 1958.

ANNUAL CHECK LIST OF PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY

It is hoped to publish each year in the March issue of the Newsletter a list of publications by our members during the previous calendar year. Members are asked to be quite brazen about sending to the Editor for the March, 1959 issue, full details of their articles, reviews or books published during 1958. (Nonmembers who wish to be included in this listing should first send their $2.00 membership fee to the Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. R.C. Jacobsen, 32 Lowther Avenue, Toronto 5) Details of all items to be listed in the March, 1959 issue of the Newsletter must be in the Editor's hands by February 1, 1959. Tear off the attached form letter and use it to send your own 1958 bibliography to the Editor.

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Editor, Bibliographical Society of Canada Newsletter,
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Dear Sir:

During 1958 I have published the following:

which I authorize you to include in your March 1959 "Check List of publications by members of the Society".

Yours truly,

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